(Rs. in lakhs)

| Sl.No. | Name of the Projects | Amounts released |
|---|---|---|
| 29. | Construction of Indoor Stadium, Cat. II at Chen by Veda Sporting Club, Mon. | 27.50 |
| 30. | Construction of Indoor Stadium, Cat. III by Rhino Club | 10.00 |
| | **2005-06** | |
| **Assam** | | |
| 1. | Construction of Indoor Stadium, Cat. III at Kolongpur, Distt. Nagaon. | 7.00 |
| **Arunachal Pradesh** | | |
| 2. | Construction of Distt. Sports Complex at Yupia, Distt. Papumpare. | 71.00 |
| **Mizoram** | | |
| 3. | Construction of State Level Sports Complex Aizawl | 59.59 |
| **Nagaland** | | |
| 4. | Construction of Swimming Pool, Cat. I at Dimapur by Nagaland Youth Gymnastic Centre. | 45.00 |

**Construction of swimming pool at Shimoga**

3638. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA : Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal for construction of swimming pool at Nehru Stadium, Shimoga is pending with Government;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when the final decision would be taken?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR) : (a) to (c) Till 31.3.2005, the Ministry was supplementing the efforts of the State Government for creation of sports facilities, including swimming pools, by providing Central assistance under the Centrally Sponsored Sports Infrastructure Schemes in accordance with the approved pattern subject to the receipt of viable proposals from the State Government. With effect from 1.4.2005, the Sports Infrastructure Schemes were transferred to the State sector. Thus, fresh cases of Sports

Infrastructure projects will have to be funded by State Governments out of their own resources. All State Governments were informed accordingly in February, 2005. However, the Planning Commission has indicated that funds to the extent of committed liabilities will be provided for ongoing approved Sports Infrastructure projects during the remaining period of the Ninth Plan only.

The proposal for the construction of a Swimming Pool at the Nehru Stadium, Shimoga (Karnataka) was received in the Ministry but clarifications had been sought on the proposal. As no liabilities had been committed by Government of India till 31.3.2005, the proposal has not been pursued for assistance.

**National Sports Development Fund**

3639. SHRI N. R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have created any National Sports Development Fund for promotion of sports and games in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have formulated any policy for spotting talented sportspersons in rural areas; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR) : (a) and (b) The National Sports Development Fund (NSDF) was created by the Government in 1998 with the aim of promoting sports in general and specific sports disciplines & individual sportspersons in particular for achieving excellence at the national and international level. The Fund envisages mobilizing financial resources from statutory bodies created under the Act of Parliament or the State Legislatures, the United Nations and its associated bodies, other International Organizations, private and public corporate sectors, trusts, societies and individuals. There is a provision for matching contributions from the Government. The contributions received for the Fund have the facility of 100% tax exemption.